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INDO- CHINA PARTICIPATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed to participate on Global issues like energy security, environment protection, cross border violence and host of other issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of strategies formulated to solve the issues between India and China?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(c) During the State visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to India from November 21 to 23, 2006, the two sides have agreed to cooperate in various fields including in trade, industry, finance, agriculture, water resources, energy, environment, transportation, infrastructure, information technology, health, education, media, culture, tourism, youth affairs. On the issue of energy security, we agreed to make joint efforts, bilaterally as well as in multilateral fora, to diversify the global energy mix and to increase the share in it of renewable energy sources. During the visit of Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Murli Deora to China on December 15&16, 2006, both sides signed an MOU on undertaking joint exploration and production and acquisition of oil and natural gas resources. On environment protection, both sides agreed to intensify consultations on sustainable development, bio-diversity, climate change and other related environmental issues of common concern. They also agreed to step up cooperation in wildlife conservation, particularly in tiger conservation. Both sides also agreed to strengthen their efforts to fight against terrorism, separatism and extremism, and the linkages between terrorism and organised crime and illicit arms and drugs trafficking. The two sides agreed to revitalise and broaden the India-China Dialogue Mechanism on Counter-Terrorism.